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FOODSTUFFS, MEDICAMENTS)

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Contemporaneous with the filing of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.